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PERSONS

The Rev. G. O. Halverson, formerly pastor of Our Savior's Church, Eau Claire, Wis., will be installed Dec. 11 as pastor of Parkview Church, Chicago. **The Rev. Rodger S. Jordahl,** who has served this parish as interim pastor, is continuing his graduate study at the University of Chicago.

The Rev. John E. Midtling, formerly of Centuria, Wis., was installed Nov. 13 as pastor of the Mt. Sterling-Utica-Freeman parish, Mt. Sterling, Wis.

The Rev. Russell Peterson, president of Dakota Lutheran Aca... Minot, N. Dak., is moderator ... weekly television program over ... TV entitled "Youth Answers Its ... Problems," a series comprising ... programs. In April, 1956, at a m... of the Classical Association c... Middle West and South at Lexi... Ky., he will lecture on "Wh... Church Continues to Teach the... guages of Faith."

The Rev. Marvin B. Odland, ... buck, Manitoba, will by Feb. 15 ... to his new parish, Provost, Alber...

The Rev. Paul Eid was on C... installed as pastor of St. Olav C... Weehawken, N. J., by his fath... law, Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Whitewater, Wis. First Englis... theran Church, parish of the Rev.... ren K. Sigwalt, recently receiv... new members, the largest group ... received at one time.

Mount Prospect, Ill. On Oct. ... Mark's Church, parish of the Re... J. Rasmussen, Jr., welcomed 44... members.

Madison, Wis. Bethel Churc... served its centennial by having f... services on all the Sundays durin... tober. Among guest preachers w... of the former pastors of the p... the Rev. F. I. Schmidt, now pre... of the Eastern District; other sp... were: Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, I... N. Rogness, Dr. E. S. Hjortland... tors Leonard Benson and A. G... Nasby, and two of the present p... of the church: Dr. Morris Wee a... S. Klyve. The church issued a h... fully illustrated volume in meme... the event.

Southern Minnesota

Chokio, Minn. The Rev. C. A. ... sen, formerly of Warner, S. Dak... installed Nov. 6 as pastor of Ou... ior's Church, recently organized ... result of a merger of an earlier ... and an ALC congregation. The ... lation of the pastor was in char... Dr. Alfred Ewald, president o... ALC Minnesota District; the in... tion of the new church council w... charge of Dr. E. C. Reinertson, ... dent of the ELC Southern Mini...

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he Valley Spire Artist

L. S. Johnson

ut on the plains of Central Kansas, a ridge of low ls forms a natural water-shed and flanks a valley of tile farm land. Through the midst of the valley a er meanders along its way to join larger streams and rney on its way to the sea. On sultry summer days haze hangs over the ridge and gives a smoky ap-rance to the hills. One hill in particular rises majes-lly above the adjacent ridge and becomes a land-rk visible for miles around.

When the Indians roamed the prairies, this natural vation served them as a guide post and gave them ir bearings as they traversed the trackless plains. ey named the hill Smoky Hill. What is more, the me has been applied to the entire valley; even the er acquired the name, Smoky River.

To this valley came Swedish settlers, some 80, 90 years o, seeking productive agricultural land where they ght establish permanent homes. They found what ey sought in the Smoky Hill Valley.

oneer Beginnings

s the pioneers started their homes they also built emselves a little stone church. Before long this hum-house of worship was replaced by a stately edifice th a tall cross-surmounted steeple. The tall spire is ible from far off and is thus a second landmark in Valley.

A church college on the prairies was visualized by e young pastor. He set about founding a college and the course of a few years his dream became a reality Bethany College at Lindsborg, Kansas, had been nded. From the very beginning, the institution placed cial emphasis on the fine arts. Music, it seems, had ays occupied first place in the hearts of the Valley ple.

But music is not all that Bethany College stands for. her fine arts also receive due emphasis. There is the partment of art. It too has received wide recognition.

ourageous Spirit

Bethany College came also Signe Larson, native of xton, Iowa. She possessed an artist's soul and yearned to become adept with paint and brush and so develop the God-given talent that is hers. But it required great courage on her part to venture out into a competitive world to seek a place for herself; for she was physically handicapped in that she was born deaf. A more timorous person would have counted total deafness an insurmountable obstacle in the way of a career. But Signe's genius was the courageous type that persevered in spite of a major difficulty. Her sympathetic and understanding parents sought in every way to provide for her the same opportunities that normal children are assured of. For her elementary education she was enrolled in schools for the deaf; first in Chicago, later in St. Louis. It was while she was a student in these institutions that her instructors noted her aptitude for art.

From then on, it was art school and art instruction for Signe. And to improve her opportunities for pursuing her art work, the family moved to Lindsborg, Kansas. There Signe became the pupil of that eminent artist and professor, the late Dr. Birger Sandzen. Under his tutorship, Signe made rapid progress.

New Assignment

At about this time, an etching Signe had made of Dr. Martin Luther was on exhibit at the Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Illinois. A theologian from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Chicago, viewed the etching and was impressed by the strength of character it revealed. "Surely," he mused as he studied the picture, "an artist who could so nobly portray the face of the great Reformer could also put character and personality into the face of Jesus Christ." He thereupon made inquiry about her and arranged to meet her. Thus it was that Signe Larson was commissioned for the task of portraying the face of Him who taught us the petition, "Thy Kingdom Come."

It was a staggering assignment; one that called for hallowed consecration. But the young artist knew where to go to seek Divine inspiration for her difficult task. In fervent prayer to Him who is "the giver of every good and perfect gift," she made known her need and humbly pleaded to be given vision and skill.

The face that must reveal strength but at the same time gentleness; be authoritative but compassionate; sublime, and at the same time lowly . . .

Then began a series of trial sketches that seemed always to end in failure. One drawing after another was started, only to be discarded. It seemed a hopeless task to create features which would at once depict traits of character which are most often diametrically opposite to each other. The face must reveal strength but at the same time gentleness; it must be authoritative but also compassionate; it must be sublime but at the same time meek and lowly. Perseverance eventually yielded. Finally was produced the picture which art critics have acclaimed outstanding. It was at first labeled, "The Christ of the Lord's Prayer," later it has been named, "Thy Kingdom Come."

Thousands of copies of it have been reproduced, and varied are the uses to which it has lent itself. Large copies of it, done in oils, are the prized possessions of individuals and organizations. Smaller prints have enhanced greeting cards and folders, and graced the covers of magazines, church bulletins and kindred publications. By this method of circulation it has well-nigh circumvented the globe. G.I.s on far away military bases, missionaries on the foreign field as well as civilians in all walks and stations of life have been enraptured and inspired by the benign visage. Hundreds of testimonials have come to the artist, many from remote places, all

Thy Kingdom Come

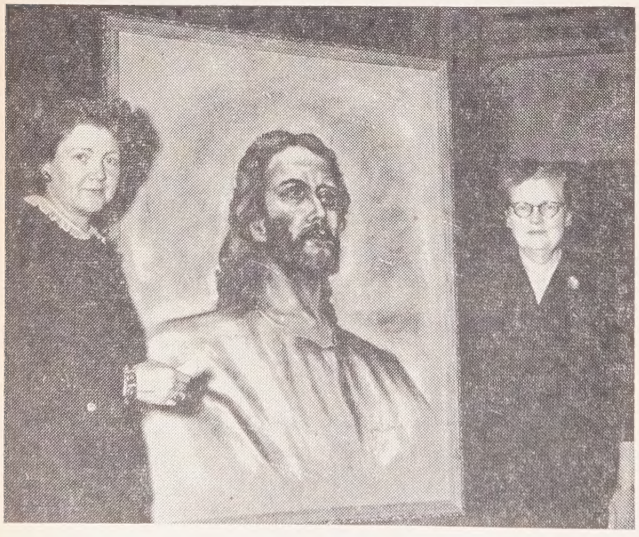
expressing admiration for the artistry of the pictu self, and gratitude to the painter for the inspi given them through the medium of her art.

But although fame and distinction came to through the execution of one fine painting; neverth she was not content to rest her laurels on just o complishment. To her the Master's call, "Go wo my vineyard," is a challenge to apply herself dilig to her art work and create on canvas works tha glorify her Creator. Her versatile talent has exp itself in a variety of subjects; such as landscapes life, and also the animal kingdom. But it is i realm of the religious that she is most at hom seems at her best.

Studio in Shadow of Spire

As the years go by, the scope of her work has g increased. Years ago she out-grew the basement that was her first studio. Especially did she need l quarters when setting up her easel for large altar p ings.

Very significant it is that the site selected fo new studio was in the very shadow of the tall spi Bethany church; that same church spire which few generations now has held a unique place i



The Misses Signe E. Larson and Elvira A. Larson present an evening's entertainment at a church. Signe (left) sketches pictures dealing with religious subjects as Elvira speaks. They are shown with Signe's picture of Christ which has won wide acclaim.

earts of the Valley people of that Central Kansas community. But it is more than a mere coincidence that igne Larson's studio should rise up hard by the church ith stately spire; for the studio is intimately linked ith the Church and has in reality become an extenon of the Church's working arm.

Today, the Church is actively engaged in an intenve evangelistic program, endeavoring to reach out the unchurched everywhere. In this evangelism proram, Signe with her sister Elvira's collaboration is king a very active part. In reality, the two sisters ake up a gospel team and together make extensive urs that take them to all parts of the country. Their program is quite unusual. Together they present an illustrated sacred lecture. Elvira is the speaker. As she develops her theme, the artist sister draws a picture. Her skillful fingers move with amazing rapidity and almost as though by magic she produces before the eyes of her audience a picture that both thrills and at the same time brings home the message of the sister's talk. In this way, both sisters are jointly dedicating their talent to the service of the Church. It is not for a mere mortal to attempt an evaluation of the type of ministry they are engaged in. Eternity will reveal the fruits of their labors.

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Fortnightly Review

Fredrik A. Schiotz
President of the ELC

he exchange of goods and services on interstate and ternational levels promotes commerce and lifts the andards of living. During my student days I recall earing an Indian Christian who was studying in this untry prophesy that exchange of spiritual gifts and essings on an international and intercontinental level ould become common practice and would enrich the e of the Church. The Indian's prophecy has been king place for some time, and recently has made itself lt anew in ELC circles.

Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannover, Germany, presint of the Lutheran World Federation, who personifies e finest qualities in the Christian life of Germany d in the Church of the Reformation, was the Reformaon Day speaker for the Fargo-Moorhead area and the inneapolis-St. Paul community. The annual pastoral nference of the South Central District, meeting the st week in November, brought a stalwart Scotch-merican representative of the Reformed tradition, Dr. hn Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Semiry, to Mason City, Iowa, for three lectures.

A year ago Norway's delegation to the World Coun- of Churches Assembly in Evanston stayed over to sit a number of the congregations in our Church. hat visit scattered blessings in many communities. is possible that next summer, when our biennial conntion is in session, one of Norway's bishops may be th us.

Last spring, upon invitation, Pastor Conrad Thompn, director of our Evangelism Commission, visited orway. Questions were asked about the Preaching-eaching-Reaching Missions that have been conducted in the ELC. Pastor Thompson shared the experience of his staff and plans were laid for two staff members to visit Norway this fall. Committees began working at once to set up two P-T-R Missions, one in Oslo and one in Ostfold.

In October Pastors Oscar Hanson and Agnar Tanner were at work assisting to carry out the P-T-R Missions in Norway much as the work might be in this country. The following paragraph is a sample excerpt from advance news stories in the Norwegian press:

"Hundreds of men and women from all church circles are now together in preparing for the 'Evangelistic Action Week' in Oslo and Ostfold, October 23-30. The area of the movement includes seven Oslo congregations and nineteen parishes about Fredrikstad and Sarpsborg. The movement is, as you know, planned according to the pattern from The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which also has sent two of its most experienced, Norwegian-speaking leaders across the sea to help. Every afternoon, visitors will go out to invite from door to door people to come to the evangelistic meetings in the churches. There will be meetings each evening, and with the same speaker throughout the whole week."

Since the advance news notices have reached Pastor Thompson's office, a number of letters have been coming through testifying to the great blessings God has provided through these Norway P-T-R Missions and the work of Pastors Hanson and Tanner. No doubt Pastor Thompson or one of the missioners will be submitting a report through the columns of the HERALD.—Thank God for a day in which international commerce extends to the realm of the spirit!

P-T-R Mission in Oslo

The Rev. Olav Eg
Oslo, N
Translated by Odella H

The first P-T-R Mission in Oslo has just been completed. We are thankful to God and man for what we have experienced in this venture of faith. God has shown us a new and exciting way to evangelize. All of the congregations which have participated in this mission have experienced spiritual blessings such as they have probably never experienced before. The Holy Spirit has worked mightily in the hearts of our people. Many believers have been strengthened in their faith and the unbelieving have been brought to see themselves as sinners in need of salvation.

Not only are we thankful to God for the spiritual blessings received, but we are also grateful to men for their help.

Help From America

First of all we think of the help we have received through Pastor Conrad M. Thompson's visit last spring and the visit of Dr. Oscar C. Hanson and Pastor Agnar S. Tanner this fall. Pastors Hanson and Tanner have been with us a little more than a month and have spoken in our churches, at pastors' meetings, and to gatherings both in Oslo, Bergen, and in the district south of Oslo. We are very happy and thankful for their God-given ministry in our midst. Not only did we receive practical helps in the work of evangelism, but also spiritual guidance and inspiration, which proved to be of utmost value in carrying out this particular work of God. Through their messages and inspiration we sensed once again the old message of salvation which has long resounded from our churches and prayer houses. We recognize the program and their messages as sound Lutheran Christianity together with the best Haugean and pietistic traditions.

The first inspiration for the P-T-R Mission came last spring through the messages given by Bishop Smemo, Pastor Conrad Thompson, and Pastor Carl Mau, a Lutheran World Federation representative, now residing in Hannover, Germany. Representatives from seven congregations in Oslo were invited to attend the retreat at Eina. After the presentations and committee discussions, the Church Councils in these congregations were immediately willing to participate in a thorough preparation for the mission which would consist of lay visitation and preaching missions in all of the churches. Not a single congregation of the seven regrets today that they went along in their first attempt at a P-T-R program in Norway.

Nearly 150,000 people are living in the areas of seven congregations in Oslo. It is estimated tha proximately ninety-five per cent of these people baptized and confirmed and have received Chri instruction through the schools. It is a fact, how that many of them have no interest or contact their congregations, and even worse the congrega heretofore have not made much of an effort to co them. We have come to recognize this as a great and it proves to be a burden on our hearts. There we were thankful to hear that the method God shown to our American congregations has gone with such great blessing. We know now that method is also usable here in Norway.

Thorough Preparation

If the P-T-R Mission was to be a success under we realized that the first thing our congregations ne to do was to make thorough preparation, and, not least, preparation through much prayer on the of pastor and people. With this in mind prayer gr were organized and much encouragement to pray given from the pulpit and in our organizations as as last spring.

Home Visitation

The next step was to enlist people who would be ing to participate in the visitation program. Bec of our circumstances in Norway this was not easy cause our Christians are engaged in so many diffe activities such as organizations for foreign and h missions, the seamen's mission, Sunday school youth work and in what we call "menighetspleie" (gregational charity). But we were successful in se ing a small select group of workers in each congr tion so that on an average we had about fifty lay vis in each of the seven congregations. They were bro together for five instruction periods. The last two carried on simultaneously with the first visits made

Many had been dubious about the lay visitors ing into Norwegian homes to talk about spiritual ters. Several of the pastors, therefore, asked the visitors only to meet people at the door, deliver printed material and invitations, and then go o their next call. These pastors were not alone in t apprehension. All of us were doubtful as to what outcome would be. Today we can see that it went ter than we even dared to hope for. The lay vis

re thrilled over their visits and many have told us t their faith has been revitalized as a result. They lized that if they were to have anything to give to ers, they themselves would have to receive some- ng from God. Their prayer life and Bible reading ve taken on new meaning.

To date we have statistics from only one congrega- n; namely, Domkirken. As far as we can tell in ost all of the calls made the lay visitors were re- ved in a friendly spirit and in forty-two per cent the calls the lay visitors were invited into the house. t only were they able to invite the people to the aching missions and other meetings in the congre- ions, but also extended an invitation for the chil- n to come to Sunday school and in many cases were e to help people in matters which pertained to their ritual life.

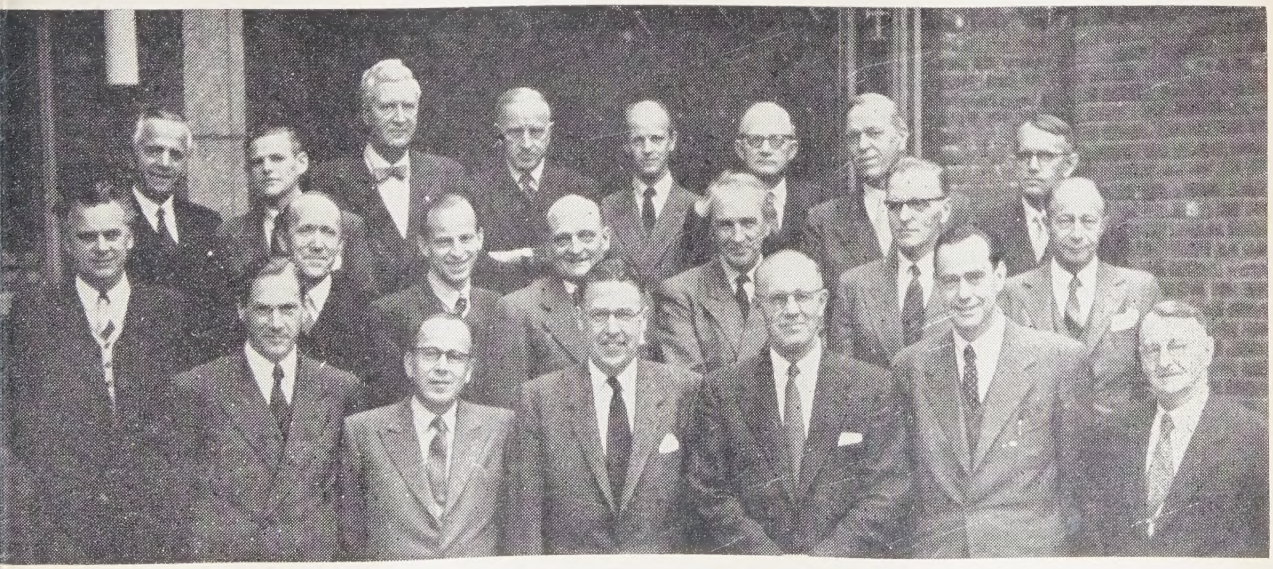
Many of the lay visitors reported that God not only ned the doors of the homes to them, but also the rts of those who were to be visited. They were sur- sed to discover how easy it was for them to talk people about faith in Christ. They realized that God d answered their prayers and had guided them to the right words so that they were able to say the ht things at the right time. One woman reported t in the several invitations which she had given to ple concerning meetings in the congregations, she rd the same excuse, the people did not have time. ey were occupied with their business, their home, d their friends. When she extended the invitation a businessman to come to the evening services she s inspired to say, "We are not talking about time lay, but about eternity." Many of those visited said that they were so impressed over the friendliness and the concern of the lay visitors that they surely would be glad to come to worship with them in the congregation. We know today that many of them did come.

The Preaching Missions

In the areas of the seven congregations participating in the P-T-R Mission, between eight and ten thousand homes were visited. Many families expressed joy and thankfulness for the contacts which the congregation had now made with them. Deep down in their hearts they had been waiting and longing for this kind of fellowship. A great help in the visitation program was a letter which was sent out with a greeting to each family to be called on, saying that in the course of two or three days lay visitors would be coming to make a call. A number of families said that they anxiously awaited the visit and when the people came they enjoyed the fellowship. It is our belief that these visits will result in many people returning to the congregations and making them their spiritual home.

In addition to the letter which was sent out in advance of the mission, the lay visitors took with them a flier on which all of the services of the week were listed together with the name of the guest pastor and the themes of his sermons. The lay visitors also carried with them a brochure which explained the purposes of a Christian congregation and what it wishes to accomplish. On the back of the brochure were listed the activities of the congregation to which people were being invited.

The preaching missions in the seven congregations in Oslo began Sunday, October 23, and ran through



Pastors and leaders of the Oslo P-T-R Mission. The writer of this article is second from right, front row.

Sunday, October 30. It is significant to note that in all of the churches the attendance greatly increased during the week and it was easily apparent that there were many, many new people who came to hear the Gospel. One of the organists said that it was difficult for him to play because so many people in church, evidently strangers, were not used to singing the hymns. In several of the congregations the pastors became extremely busy with spiritual problems and much was accomplished in caring for the souls of those who were in need. A very large attendance at the communion service held on the last day of the mission gave evidence of this fact.

As in America, all of the guest pastors and many of the pastors of the local congregations gathered each forenoon for prayer, Bible study, and practical instruction in evangelism. This fellowship was also richly blessed by God. We are extremely thankful today for the inspiration which we received from Dr. Hanson and Pastor Tanner.

The Future

Several of the guest pastors who participated in the Oslo P-T-R, as well as those who participated in the Østfold Mission, and other pastors who have heard about the program, are beginning to make plans for similar efforts in their particular areas of Norway for next year. In our second largest city, Bergen, upon the initiative and leadership of Bishop Indrebø, a committee has been appointed to make plans for a mission there in March. It is our hope and prayer that God will use these missions also to His honor, to the salvation of souls and to our spiritual edification.

We especially want to thank all in the various congregations of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who have been praying for our P-T-R Mission in Norway. We have been deeply moved hearing through Pastors Hanson and Tanner about the letters and cables they were repeatedly receiving telling of individuals and groups who were following us with their prayers. It has been a joy for us to forge a stronger bond between The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and our Norwegian Church in this particular way. We feel that we owe a great debt of gratitude for what has been accomplished under God through the P-T-R Mission.

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Another P-T-R Mission was conducted simultaneously with the Oslo Mission, in nineteen congregations of the Østfold area under the chairmanship of Pastor Jens Bjonnes-Jacobson. A report of that mission will follow in another issue of the HERALD, *as well as reports from Pastors Tanner and Hanson and their impressions of the P-T-R Missions in Norway.*

Conference on Evangelis

JANUARY 12-15
Central Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Only God knows the possibilities before our Churc our great sleeping giant rises up not only to claim m of the promises of God, but also to square performa with those promises. In our day when the opport ties for proclaiming the Gospel of Christ are so m and the laborers are so few the vineyard of the Lord, it i utmost importance that we m effectively mobilize our Cl tians to bring Christ to others others to Christ. The thoughi Christian vocation and witt will be highlighted in every sion of the Conference.

Dr. Howard Hong

It has been said that the Re mation came not to destroy priesthood but the laity. The trine of the "priesthood of all lievers" had fallen into abuse. The Reformation sou to help the Christian layman realize his status a child of God in that he is more than "the minist little helper." Rather he is called of God to do "pri ly" functions in building up the Body of Christ.

The Ninth Annual Conference on Evangelism, tered on the theme, "God Calls You," will seek interpret the Christian's "call" by God to "live un Him in His Kingdom and to serve Him. . . ." Not c will the doctrinal basis be presented but there will periods showing how the theology of the priesthoo believers can come to life.

In addition to the lectures there will be dinner m ings for farmers, doctors, the legal profession, nur teachers, industry-labor (witnessing in everyday l as well as stress on witnessing in and through Church.

Dr. Howard Hong, St. Olaf College, who has alre made a distinct contribution to a greater understa ing of Christian vocation, will be a featured spea

Saturday afternoon and evening there will be emphasis on youth evangelism and Sunday aftern evangelism on the foreign field.

Great evening sessions are being planned beginn with a Holy Communion service on Wednesday ni together with those attending the Seminary Conv tion. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nig will also feature special speakers and special mus groups.

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An Instrument of Blessing

James A. Ryberg

THE 1957 ASSEMBLY OF THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

ıe Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federa-
n, scheduled to convene in Minneapolis, August 16-25,
57, comes "at a historic time for the Lutheran Church,"
the opinion of the president of the LWF.

Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannover, Germany, was in
innesota to participate in Reformation festivals in
orhead and Minneapolis. On several occasions, he
k opportunity to discuss what the LWF's Minne-
olis Assembly will mean, for the Lutheran Church,
d for the world.

"Our Lutheran churches have gained a new con-
ousness of their task and place in the world," Bishop
lje believes, and a large part of this is due to "the
fluence of the ecumenical movement." "Christian
ıurches belong together," he declared, because each
ıurch has contributions it can share with others.

The Lutheran Church, he said, "standing at the cen-
of all Christian confessions," has a specific contribu-
n to make to Christian unity. This, he stated, is be-
use the distinctive feature of the Lutheran Church's
essage proclaims the "presence of Christ."

The Lutheran Church teaches that "we cannot leave
e things of this world to themselves," Bishop Lilje
ntinued, pointing out that the "existence of totalitarian
ıtes means that the Christian Church has failed in its
sponsibility to national life."

Philosophies like existentialism, which attempt to de-
ıe man's status in this world, or sciences like anthro-
logy which ask, "What is man?" cannot provide the
swer to today's problem, Bishop Lilje insisted.

od Wants to Say "Yes..."

ıe theology of the Reformation," he continued, "em-
ıasizes the justification of the Godless." This, Bishop
lje stressed, goes far beyond any realistic study of
an in his present state. "The Lutheran Church teaches
at God wants to say, 'Yes!' to man, in the midst of
s tragedies."

For this reason, the Lutheran Church has the most
ll realization of the meaning of the Gospel, the LWF
esident explained, "providing a ray of eternal hope
ove man."

"Man's supreme misery," he said, "is that he tries to
ake a religion of his own, making his own idols."

Bishop Lilje declared, "A God like this cannot be
gger than man's thinking." On the other hand, he
ent on, the Lutheran Church teaches that God is not
man-made product. Quoting the philosopher Berdyaev,
Bishop Lilje stressed, "Where you destroy the image of God, you beget man's bestiality."

The Lutheran Church, he explained, says that "grace" is the only word which can describe man's true religion in relation to God's mercy. And, he added, "God's mercy and grace are free."

Bishop Lilje declared that "Man is prepared for this message as he has not been prepared before," citing the tragedies which beset modern society, and he went on to state that "The Lutheran Church must be refilled with Biblical authority to proclaim the Gospel to modern man, so that he can find life and joy under God."

A Common Task

The German Church leader called for increased exchange of views and a sharing of thinking among world Lutherans. "We have a common task to fulfill in the thinking and planning of our generation," he insisted.

This, he said, is the main problem which will face the LWF Assembly in Minneapolis—"so that we can realize the task which God has assigned to His Church, and so that we can accomplish this through mutual help and confidence."

"Millions are waiting for the simple word of comfort which Christ brings through the preaching of His Gospel," Bishop Lilje declared. "If God is gracious enough to use this Assembly as an instrument of blessing to His Church and His world," then, he concluded, the Minneapolis Assembly will fulfill its purpose.

In this respect, Bishop Lilje explained, the two main purposes of the LWF's third world assembly will be 1) to rethink the Lutheran Church's message to the world, and 2) to plan co-operation with large ecumenical Christian bodies.

Dr. Lilje pointed out that representatives of state churches in Scandinavia, national churches in Germany, and free churches such as exist in the United States, each will offer certain opportunities and insights as the Assembly seeks to define the theme, "Christ Frees and Unites."

"I can say with all confidence," he continued, "that if Christian Churches meet to exchange spiritual experiences, it will lead to spiritual fruit."

He challenged Lutheran leaders in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area that as they prepare for the 1957 Assembly, they should "do it whole-heartedly, putting every intensity" in their efforts. Then, Bishop Lilje added, "Rich blessings will come from Almighty God."

Litany for Advent

Oliver Everette

Before our ancestors had poured out of Asia,
Before there was a place called Europe;

Before there was a Rome,
And before there was a Babylon;

Before there was a flood:
God had His prophets who inquired.

Before there was a Jew,
And before there was a Hebrew;

Before there was an alphabet,
Before the ideogram of China;

Before the Great Wall,
And before the sun-dials;

Before there were the Mounds,
And before the Pyramids;

Before the first lamb was offered,
Or ever man had reared an altar;

Before all this:
The Gift of Jesus Christ was given.

Before there was an Eve beguiled,
Before the first temptation;

Before there was rebellion in the heavens,
And Lucifer had said, *Non serviam;*

Before God breathed the soul of man,
Or angels ever were created;

Before all this:
The Gift of Jesus Christ was given.

For God foreknew
The course of His creation,
And God fore-purposed
Our salvation.

From the time of the departure from Eden,
From the time of the Promised Seed;

From the time of the Thistle and Thorn,
From the time of the Serpent-bite,
From the time of the Bruised-Heel;

From the time of all this:
God had His prophets who inquired.

Moved by the spirit in them,
Prophesying Him to come
Who already dwelt within them;

Foretelling His Birth
Who is timeless and birthless;

Telling of His poverty who is rich,
And of His richness who is poor;

And of His joy who is Sorrow,
And of His sorrow who is Joy;

And of the emptiness of His Fulness:
God had His prophets who inquired.

Adam and Seth, Enoch and Noah,
Shem and Abraham, Solomon and Nahum:
Each of His prophets
Catching the stardust in his siftings,
Turning the reflections,

aring certain portions
the Rhapsody of Heaven!

the prophets inquired,
d the angels *desired to look into,*
ping over their shoulders,
able to keep their silence
their invisibility,
sting forth in *Te Deums.*

There is expectancy;
There is waiting.

ten to the cryings: "Here!" "There!"
his is the hour!"—The hour of deception!

the deception is a sign of the Coming,
hich things the angels desire to look into

cannot tell—not understanding
d having been forbidden.

Let the sea roar,
The mountains be cast
Flaming into the sea;

Let the continents arise:
Atlantis and Cherbis!

Let fissures be opened,
Earth swell in billows
Running from earthquake!

Let man tremble; let fear
Lay hold on lesser creatures!

As for me:
He is mine and I am His.

h Hope, Marvel of the angels,
scovery of the prophets;

velation to the shepherds,
y to the Herods;

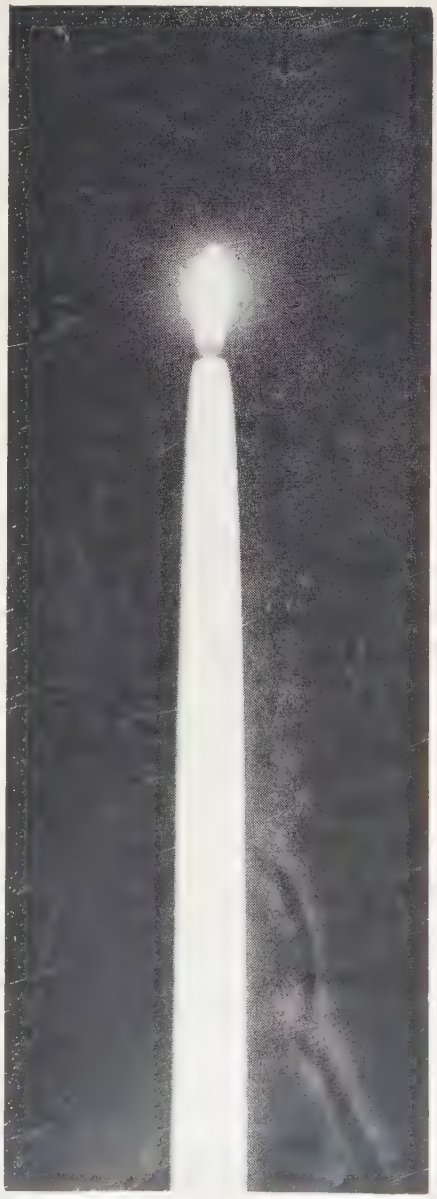
gma to the Pilates,
iate to the more recent Reds;

He is mine
And I am His.

For the shadow of Advent
Has illumined many centuries,
Inspired many generations;

It is the Shadow of Light to come
Advancing. It is shortening
And intensifying in its brightness.

O ye daughters of the City,
Brightness penetrates your windows!
Soon the Shadow and the Light
Shall merge in One.



All That Is Necessary

Raymond M.
Director of Stew

Edmund Burke is reportedly the source for the statement: "All that is necessary for evil to triumph in the world is for good men to do nothing." The statement is given validity in every area of the affairs of men, and in every age. The alternate is not as sharply defined, but it is possible to see how evil is prevented from triumphing because good men do something. The Church of Jesus Christ is committed to the defeat of all that is evil.

We are now able to report the income from the districts of The Evangelical Lutheran Church at the close of the third quarter of the year, for our "Program to Meet a Trust," which we also call the Budget of the Church. The table below tells us again that we need at least $4,300,000. That is 16.9 per cent more than a year ago. While we have received more dollars than last year at this time, we are only a little more than 12 per cent ahead. At this pace it is probable that we will not reach the full amount.

This report should call all of us to sharp attention. The time is here when we must face the situati our 1955 program squarely. Much good has been and will be done because of the gifts and offe received. At the same time, much good can be celled unless we carry through with all we have pl and intended to do.

All that is necessary for an evil world to weake overwhelm the Church in parts of its program is nothing. We can do nothing by assuming that somebody else's responsibility, not ours. We can suade ourselves that we have done all we can, or al we should, but the way we spend our money for things will rise up to haunt us if we do not se program through to a successful conclusion.

All that is necessary is for good men, Christ's to do something. Then evil will not be left o field unchallenged. The providing of all possible to the many fronts on which evil is challenged major part of our present responsibility. We have a few weeks in which to get it done.

"PROGRAM TO MEET A TRUST"

October 31, 1955, Report

District	1954 Appor.	1954 Raised	% Raised	1955 Appor.	1955 Raised
Eastern	$ 907,240.00	570,894.66	62.9	1,050,000.00	644,771.85
Northern Minnesota	400,931.42	220,881.82	55.1	450,000.00	245,357.62
Southern Minnesota	858,029.50	513,047.04	59.8	950,000.00	544,870.99
South Central	402,128.00	261,084.79	64.9	450,000.00	264,170.95
South Dakota	355,662.60	234,881.93	66.0	406,000.00	252,695.02
North Dakota	414,126.42	227,669.30	55.0	485,000.00	250,799.93
Rocky Mountain	104,442.16	81,027.30	77.6	165,000.00	103,764.59
Pacific	122,600.00	92,125.25	75.1	170,000.00	127,514.51
California	57,622.00	54,847.42	95.2	100,000.00	85,212.94
Canada	56,500.00	45,618.95	80.7	74,000.00	48,595.89
No District	.....	1,471.68	....	.....	5,379.00
Lutheran Students	.....	35.83	....	.....	152.75
	$3,678,476.00	2,303,585.97	62.6	4,300,000.00	2,573,286.04

SEMINARY CONVOCATION
CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM

JANUARY 10-15

ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

SEMINARY CONVOCATION

JANUARY 10-12, 1956

LUTHER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

CENTRAL LUTH CHURCH

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
8:45 9:00	Devotions Dr. A. N. Rogness, President Luther Theological Seminary	Devotions Dr. A. N. Rogness	Devotions Dr. A. N. Rogness
	TOWARD A GREATER USE OF THE BIBLE IN PREACHING		
9:00 9:50	The Expository Method Dr. Harry F. Baughman Gettysburg, Pa.	Preaching From the Epistle for the Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity Dr. Harry F. Baughman	THE ATONEME The New Testam Dr. Jan's Rozenta
10:00	THE ATONEMENT-SYMPOSIUM The Old Testament Dr. J. P. Milton	Preaching From the Gospel for the Second Sunday in Lent Dr. Harry F. Baughman	THE ATONEME The History of Doctrine Dr. Iver Iversen
11:00 11:50	In the Area of Worship Dr. Edward T. Horn, III Philadelphia, Pa.	Counselling From the Viewpoint of Pastoral Care Rev. Granger Westberg Chicago, Ill.	A Biblical Approac Human Occupation Doctrine of Wor Prof. Gerhard Fros Decorah, Iowa
	NOON RECESS		
2:00 4:00	Discussion on Worship Leader: Dr. Horn	Discussion on Preaching Leader: Dr. Baughman	
1:30 3:00			Discussion The Atoner Leader: Dr. Warren Qua
3:00			KEYNOTE AD "God Calls Rev. Conrad M. T Director of Eva
5:30 7:30	RECESS	RECESS	Witness Where doctors, farm nurses, lega labor-industry, teac
8:00	The Holy Land: Where Past and Present Meet Dr. Robert H. Boyd	COMMUNION SERVICE The Rev. A. G. Lewis, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, as Liturgist; and the Rev. A. P. Nassen, Battle Lake, Minn., as Preacher	To Greater Rev. T. Arnold Th

"God Calls You"

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM

JANUARY 12-15, 1956

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH — MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Devotions Rev. G. S. Helgesen	Devotions Rev. G. S. Helgesen	
INTO HIS KINGDOM		
Out of This World Dr. R. A. Daehlin	To Live Under Him Rev. B. W. Smith	
To Be His Own Rev. R. H. Bragstad	To Serve Him Dr. Lowell J. Satre	Speakers in
RECESS	RECESS	Surrounding Area
Hymn Sing Mr. Oscar R. Overby	Hymn Sing Mr. Oscar R. Overby	
TO BE HIS CREATION		Pulpits
In Accordance With His Word Rev. Ivar M. Gjellstad	An Instrument Unique Rev. Oscar Anderson	
PRACTICAL		
"A Minister by Divine Appointment" Dr. T. F. Gullixson	Evangelism Follow-up Evangelism Staff	
NOON RECESS	NOON RECESS	
FEATURE HOUR		
TO COMPLETE COMMITMENT		
For Your Church Dr. Howard Hong	For Your Community Dr. Howard Hong	For Your World Dr. Rolf Syrdal
DISCUSSION Vocational Evangelism Evangelical Academies Personal Evangelism		Missionary Pageant
Evangelism in the Home	Youth to Youth Evangelism	Choral Union Rehearsal
GOD CALLS YOU NOW!		
To Greater Living Rev. John M. Ness	To Greater Tasks Rev. Carroll Hinderlie	To Greater Power Rev. A. Reuben Gornitzka

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Minneapolis, Minnesota

LUTHER THEOLOGICAL SEMI
St. Paul, Minnesota

OBJECTIVES OF THE

SEMINARY CONVOCATION

1. To furnish a forum to discuss doctrinal and functional questions related to the vocation of the minister of the Word in today's world.
2. To provide an opportunity for fellowship with the brethren in the confrontation of common problems and tasks.
3. To stimulate the pastor to continue to be a student, growing in knowledge as well as in the grace of Christ.
4. To permit the exchange of theological insights across synodical lines and thereby to strengthen the bonds of Lutheran fellowship in witness and work.

OBJECTIVES OF THE

EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

1. To seek to interpret God's Call to every Christian as it relates to his life and work.
2. To help every Christian to witness where he works and lives.
3. To assist pastors in making the "priesthood of believers" a reality in our congregations.
4. To inspire the leadership of our congregations toward accepting greater challenges in the extension of the Kingdom of God.
5. To reinterpret the pastor's call to the holy ministry.

WHO SHOULD COME

Pastors—Lay People—Congregational officers—Organizational leaders—Youth—Musicians—Church School Teachers—Representatives from the various vocational groups.

Rev. O. P. Sheggeby
Chairman, Commission on Evangelism

Dr. J. P. Milton
Seminary Convocat
Program Chairma

Billy Johnson—First of the Volunteer Worker Corps!

Carroll L. Hinderlie

ws has just come that Billy Johnson is stricken with lio, lies paralyzed in Queen's Hospital, Honolulu. ly is one of the youth who made San Francisco ssible. You see him on this picture behind Dr. stenes, along with others of his host league at Trin-. All the delegates who came by train saw Billy, d heard him play his "uke," as he accompanied the igs of the welcoming leaguers down in the mole at kland. (They spent twenty hours there one day.)

When the convention resolved as youth that they nted to do something definite for Christ's Church having volunteer work programs for youth willing give three months to a year or more of their life Church tasks, Billy remembered he was an appren- carpenter. He knew the ELC had a new home ssion church project in Honolulu. He contacted stor Gjervik, paid his own transportation, and gave talent towards the building of our new ELC church. Our news says he is unable to move his legs, but at he is cheerful. We'd expect that of Billy, that he'd cheerful, for he is a leaguer who has learned that rist's word of the New Covenant is "Be of good eer, your sins are forgiven you. Cheer up, I have ercome the world."

We have called Billy the first of the Volunteer orker Corps of our ELC. We believe there are many ore who would like to build churches. (Pastor Govik ote just this morning, when this news came, that he ought there would be two new churches built on the rth Shore of Minnesota, where volunteer workers ght be used under our League program. Some volun-rs would like to be parish workers, Bible camp unselors, or help care for the aged while regular workers have a vacation (this suggestion is from our Charities department). There will be volunteer workers from our sister Leagues in the A.L.C. in Tanganyika soon even as they have been in New Guinea since 1951.

All these workers, like Billy, have the desire to glorify Christ in their life calling. But as a token of this sincerity, they wish the Church to use their time and their talents for a period of time, without pay, paying part of their own costs themselves, that Christ's Church may go forward.

y Johnson is standing behind Dr. Hestenes who is shown with ity Luther Leaguers.

We Look to Our Church

To Billy at Queen's Hospital in Honolulu we give our thanks for his inspiration to all the hundreds who will follow his example "to the uttermost parts of the earth." Youth of the Church are alerted to let us know their address that we may find them as calls come to the League Office for their labors from the departments of the Church, our parishes, mission fields, or Bible camps.

Billy's act was "on his own." So was the fine project of college youth at Hovland, Minnesota, where they built Trinity Church, growing out of the rock of the Laurentian shield on Minnesota's North Shore, first church seen by visitors from Canada. Other work projects on a volunteer basis have also been held. But Billy's act was the first since the convention resolution.

This resolution reads (written by the youth themselves, voted by them): "Many of us want to do something definite for Jesus Christ. Not all will be missionaries or pastors. We look to our Church to challenge us with opportunities whereby we can give a period of time, such as three months or a year of our lives, in volunteer Christian work-projects."

Conference on Evangelism

(Continued from page 1124)

Sending the pastor and representatives or delegates from various organizations will be of much value to congregations. The Conference is an effort under God to help our Church be better equipped to meet the multiple local, national, and worldwide challenges which face her in our turbulent day.

Will you pray for the Conference? Will you come to the Conference? Will you invite others to the Conference?

Conrad M. Thompson
Director of Evangelism

Go and Show

Harold B. Kildahl

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 11, 1955
Text: Matthew 11:2-10

There he was, a great man shorn of his place and position in the world by the whim of a princess, eating his heart out, so to speak, in a dismal prison and tormented by doubts that would not be appeased. This was John, the great John of whom Jesus said that there was none greater. He had moved across the pages of his time with vigorous step and strong. He had undergone arduous preparations for a mighty task, to be the forerunner of the Redeemer. He had proclaimed the coming of the Lord with power, and lifted his hand in salute to the Lamb of God as he directed men to Christ. He had been busily engaged in leveling the ground of men's hearts that they might be ready for the coming of Christ. Now—a prisoner, about to die, his spirit was torn by the tempting doubts that Satan put into his heart.

Now, there is nothing evil about doubt. The evil is in succumbing to doubt. There is nothing evil about speculation. The evil lies in "giving in" to speculation. The simple fact of the matter is, no man, however strong his faith may be, however well schooled in the Word of God he may be, can avoid doubt, serious doubt, spiritual doubt. The power of Satan is not broken when a man becomes a Christian, or when a Christian is strong, in faith and in spirit. As long as life lasts, man is a fair prize for which Satan wages continual sport. But, there is something man can do about doubt. It is clearly indicated in the text.

Notice that John, in spite of his doubt, sent messengers to Christ. He wanted to go to the source, to the primary source of assurance. Thus he sent messengers directly to the Savior. Do you do that too? When doubts come creeping in upon your mind and spirit, do you seek out the primary source of assurance, the Christ of God revealed in the Word? There really isn't any other place to turn, is there? True, you can consult your pastor. True, you can discuss your doubts with other Christians, but pastor and people together will combine to direct your mind and spirit to the Word, where Christ is seen in all His glory healing, restoring life, loving the poor and weak and weary, giving His life a ransom for many. There, in the Word you will find Him, the Babe of Bethlehem, and the Man of the Cross, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, for the Word of God is intended to "go and show" to the world that God is faithful, loving and kind, a God of compassion "who so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Amen.

Ministry of Music

Oscar R. Ov

As a Church we need constant renewals, new vis and greater faith. Consequently, the mass meet when the throngs assemble are important; they l our spirit, help clarify our objectives and accelerate forward march.

At these occasions the Choral Union of our Ch has a very special part to play. Song is the univ language of the spirit. The massed chorus is neces adequately to express the composite life currents of festival gathering. As Luther said, "Music gives lif the word." Yes, good music can articulate the yearnings of the soul, and establish that communica between God and man which needs tuning and ar fication on a world scale in our day. The festival cr needs the common voice of song. In that harmon union the weak person is encouraged to let go an rise with the tide of the ensemble.

We are happy, therefore, to announce that our Ch will assemble in large numbers again in another e gelism conference, and that our Choral Union has invited to sing in chorus at the closing session on day evening, January 15. The dates for the Confere which will be held at Central Lutheran Church in M neapolis, are January 12-15.

To all the choirs and other singers of the Church relay the invitation to come to the Conference an join the chorus. That our spirits may have freed that our faith may not be muffled but be a "sing faith," it is urged that the choirs procure copies of songs now and review them in their local practices fore the grand rehearsal. It is all-important that know our notes. The songs are available at Augsb Publishing House.

Only one rehearsal is scheduled. That will be hel Central Lutheran at 6:00 p.m., January 15, the s evening the chorus will sing at the Conference. We h this invitation finds a warm response, and that singers of the Church will again welcome the op tunity to blend a thousand voices and proclaim a f that sings. The songs:

1. Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light. B Augsburg 1044
2. Sing to the Lord of Harvest. Willan. Concordia H 2013
3. Lord of Spirits. Reissiger-Christiansen. Augsburg
4. Holy Lord of All. Isalaw-Williams. Flammer 8

One more announcement: There will be a su meeting, with a discussion of the part music can in evangelism, for the church musicians and others terested in the ministry of music, on Thursday eve of the Conference.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7 — **The Gospel: John 1:19-28**

Monday, December 12
LET YOUR JOY SHOW

Read Philippians 4:4-7

ejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice. Let all men know your earance. The Lord is at hand.

here is no doubt that Paul wants who have joy in Christ to show he rejoicing he speaks of is the sort shows itself in terms of hymns and e. The Lord is at hand. When we getting ready for Christmas the nth of everything it means comes again. And of course, we are filled joy.

here is another way of rejoicing, too. mes out in terms of our remember- he needs of others. Here is a gift ring cheer to a sick friend. Here is a of money ready to go on its way elp this particular mission. Here is ter filled with love and encourage- ready to go on its way to an old d. These also are a rejoicing. And these deeds are done in the spirit of who came, they serve to let our joy show through.

o you have reason to rejoice? Are you ng it show?

Tuesday, December 13
WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Read Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

This beautiful Song of Mary is loved and held dear by all faithful readers of the Bible. It is a wondrous expression of thanksgiving to God. It witnesses to His mercy and love. This song came from Mary's heart.

Every person has something to say about God. Some people don't say much because they have nothing to say. Sometimes they say evil things about God, either out of bitterness or ignorance.

What do you have to say? Certainly you have known God in many of the things that Mary spoke of. Because of these what sort of song are you singing? It's not whether or not you are poetic about it that matters at all. It's merely this: What are you saying?

All of us know that more than words are necessary to give expression to what we have inside. Let us speak honor to God with our whole life!

Wednesday, December 14
HE SAW HIM

Read I John 1:1-7

The life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it . . . .

John opens his letter by offering the credentials of every true witness bearer. He had seen Jesus. Everything that follows in the letter matches that truth. And you feel that you can listen to John simply because he is talking about something he has seen and experienced at first hand.

And that's the way it always is. When anybody talks about whatever subject, those who listen want to know, What does he know about it? Has he dealt with it at first hand? If he has, then people will listen with interest.

The best witness and the only working witness for Christ comes from those who know Him. Not those who know about Him, mind you, but those who know Him themselves because they have experienced the Christ, the Savior, the Son of the Living God. When you testify to this Christ people will know that you have something authoritative to say.

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Thursday, December 15
WORDS FROM HEAVEN

Read John 3:31-36

He who is of the earth belongs to the . . . he who comes from heaven is e all."

his truth made itself more than clear n Jesus spoke. His message did not t the mind and spirit of some earth- d person who could see nothing be- ten miles away from home. Jesus e words from heaven which were ls of life. He spoke for God. And who accepted His message became vers and were given that life which om above.

Words from heaven! How refreshing it hear them even in our day. Earth- d men speak earth-bound words. guess at things. They reason things nly to get nowhere at all. They have nswer to the big questions, the ques- that matter. Men want to know t God, about forgiveness, about pain, t the hereafter. Words from heaven the clear answer.

he Bible brings these words. Read and believe. Live by them and you have life eternal.

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Friday, December 16
LOOKING FORWARD

Read I Peter 1:10-13

Therefore gird up your minds, be sober, set your hope fully upon the grace that is coming to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

The exercise of Christian hope is an act of looking forward to things yet to be. Peter is here saying that we should tend to our hoping, really make something of it. There are big events coming up. Events like the coming of the Lord; like the "grace that is coming to you."

Sometimes it is hard to keep your eyes on the future. There are so many other things to look at right here. And some things like the trial of faith, hardship, doubts, have a way of dimming the view that Christian hope wants us to see. What then? Shall we let our hope go?

Not at all! Keep on in your hope. The testimony of all of Scripture is that these things shall come to pass. And in your own heart you know it, too. It cannot be otherwise. God will carry out His plan to the very last detail. You and I are included in those plans.

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Saturday, December 17
THESE TELL

Read John 5:31-39

"You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me."

There are many witnesses to Christ. The Word proclaims Him over the face of the earth. When Jesus comes into the life of a person He is His own witness, bringing assurance of the truth. The Holy Spirit bears witness to Christ in the life of every believer. Then there are witnesses like John, of whom Christ spoke. There are many of these "burning and shining lamps" in the world today. Perhaps you are one of them, finding your own way to point others to the One who is the Way.

Yet, as Jesus said, despite all the witness, there are many who refuse to come to Christ that they may have life. This is the great tragedy of life, that men should be shown the light and still prefer to walk in darkness. God help us that we shall hold the light higher and bring it nearer to people everywhere.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M

TEXAS EVANGELIST LEAVES ITALY

RNS Photo

The Rev. Cline R. Paden of Brownfield, Texas, head of the Churches of Christ in Italy, and his family wave good-bye on leaving Rome for the U.S. after the Italian Foreign Ministry refused to extend his permit to remain in Italy. With him are his wife, Jo, Timothy, 6, and Terry, 3. Mr. Paden came to Italy seven years ago as leader of a group of American evangelists. His stay was marked by stormy sessions with the Italian police and other officials. The American clergyman said he would visit Churches of Christ in the U. S. to speak on religious liberty in Italy.

TO RESIST "BRAINWASHING"

John H. Noble, an American citizen who spent 10 years as a prisoner in the Soviet Union, said in Washington, D.C. that the armed forces should emphasize religious training if they want men to resist Communist "brainwashing" tactics. Mr. Noble, 31, said he had found that "a strong trust in God is the most effective way to beat torture."

He claimed that the Air Force's controversial "survival school" is approaching the problem the wrong way since physical fortitude alone is not enough to resist Communist starvation and brutality. "The volunteers for the Air Force drills know that the minute the torture becomes unbearable to them they can quit, but that is the time in real life that the Communists heap it on," he declared.

The former prisoner said he saw many men subjected to questioning by the Reds and those who weakened first were "strangers to the Bible." "My faith saved me—nothing else," he added.

RELIGIOUS BASIS FOR C.O.'s

The United States Supreme Court has ruled that Congress is within its constitutional powers in requiring a conscientious objector to believe in a Supreme Being in order to qualify for exemption from combat duty. The court refused to consider an appeal by Vern George Davidson of Berkeley, California, former national secretary of the Young People's Socialist League and a self-described agnostic, against the refusal of a draft board to classify him as a C.O.

He argued that Congress violated the First Amendment by prescribing the kind of religious beliefs that will be recognized in establishing validity of claims to conscientious objection. He said he was opposed to war by virtue of religious training and belief but did not believe in a Supreme Being as defined in the Selective Service Act.

The pertinent section of the Act states: " . . . religious training and belief in this connection means an individual's belief in a relationship to a Supreme Being involving duties superior to those arising from any human relationship, but does not include essentially political, sociological, or philosophical views or a purely personal moral code."

NEW CLIMATE IN MEXICO

Minister of Education Jose Angel Ceniceros has ruled that Article Three of the Mexican Constitution is not directed against religion. The article, adopted during the anti-clerical period of the late 1920's, proclaims that state education "must combat prejudice and superstition." Mr. Ceniceros said the words "prejudice and superstition" must never be interpreted to mean religion.

Roman Catholics, as well as believers in Mexico, have lon tated against Article Three and its repeal. Some Ministers of tion made it the basis for clos private schools that taught reli part of the curriculum. A per commission to work for the re Mexico's anti-clerical laws, wh clude a constitutional ban on re education in state schools, was lished two years ago by the Fi tional Congress of Catholic Cult

OPPOSE NEW GERMAN TRADE UNION

Leaders of the West German Union Federation appealed to its bers to remain loyal in the fac

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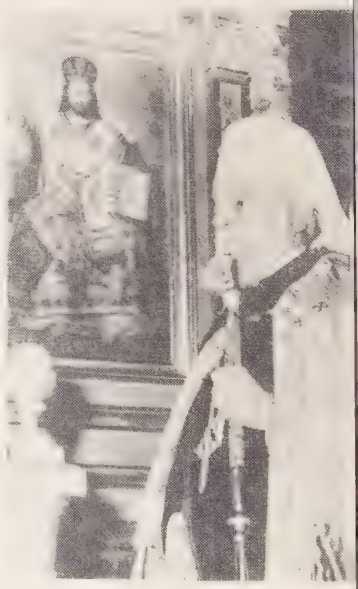

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Patriarch Vikentije, head of the Orthodox Church in Yugoslavia, p in the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in at the start of his three-week visit to and Corfu. It was his first trip out Yugoslavia since he became head Serbian Church five years ago. He principal purpose of the visit was to the Serbian Church "to pay tribu homage on the 40th anniversary Serbian people's Golgotha to the who fell in World War I." Formation Yugoslav nation was proclaimed in t Pact of Corfu after some 75,00 troops had retreated across Albania the advancing Austrians and taken on that Greek island.

NEW AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

RNS Photo

Rev. Joseph MacCarroll, pastor of Presbyterian Church, Trenton, N. J., lected national chaplain of the Amer- Legion at its 37th annual convention. Permanent Clerk of the Synod of Jersey, Presbyterian Church in the A native of Philadelphia, Mr. Mac- ll was graduated from Princeton Theo- l Seminary. During World War II he l as chaplain with the 8th and 9th orces. He was awarded the Bronze nedal.

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t posed by the recently-formed stian Trade Union Movement in nany. The Federation charged that Christian labor body had been or- ed by "a small group of stubborn ics against the resistance and ad- of labor leaders of their own con- nal and political persuasion." oundation of separate Christian unions is irreconcilable with bership in a Federation member n," it said. "The federal board of Federation regrets such action be- of the consequences it may have Germany's working population." number of prominent labor lead- both Roman Catholic and Prot- t, earlier had urged Christian ers to remain faithful to the unity union. Many church leaders have sed the setting up of separate ns for Christians on the ground if the Federation were thus de- d of a strong Christian element ght move toward radical Socialism en Communism.

Christian trade unions established in Germany under the auspices of the former Catholic Center Party were dissolved by the Nazis along with all other unions. After World War II, the German labor movement reorganized as a single, politically and creedally neutral body with some 6,000,000 members. In recent years, relations between Federation officials and Christian leaders in the movement often have been strained. Christian unionists and churchmen have charged that Socialist-minded Federation leaders have been systematically eliminating religious influences.

DIBELIUS BARRED FROM EAST

Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin, head of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID), has been barred from visiting East Germany by Communist authorities. The ban was imposed following Bishop Dibelius' request for a permit to attend the opening of a church hospital at Jueterbog in the Soviet Zone. The EKID head has been under sharp attack from East German leaders because of his open criticism of Communist efforts to win Evangelical youth in the Soviet Zone away from the Church.

Walter Ulbricht, East German deputy premier and chief of the Communist party, warned in a recent policy speech that West German Protestant leaders might be banned from East Germany because of statements he called "slander against the Soviet Zone Republic." He particularly attacked Bishop Dibelius for "meddling in political, economic and educational matters" and said the East German government "expects the churches to respect the authority of the State and to carry out their work within the framework of the law."

Two Evangelical weekly papers have been banned from further circulation in the Soviet Zone because they had printed a warning from Bishop Dibelius to Christian parents against "making compromises with atheism."

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Women employees of downtown department stores in Miami have formed a group called Christ-like Christmas Parties, Inc., to campaign against the use of alcoholic beverages at company holiday celebrations.

FORMER CONVICT IS PREACHER

RNS Photo

Donald A. Brandeis, 27-year-old ex-convict who served nearly three years in the state prison at Raiford, Florida (second right), is welcomed to First Baptist Church in Tallahassee by Circuit Judge W. May Walker, who sentenced him (left). Brandeis preached to an overflow audience. Looking on are W. D. Hopkins, the attorney who prosecuted Brandeis for car theft (right); and Dr. Harold G. Sanders, pastor of First Baptist Church, who befriended the ex-convict while in prison. Brandeis, who plans to devote his life to preaching the Gospel, was converted while in jail by a man serving sentences totaling 199 years. In addition to the judge and attorney, the congregation included the man from whom he had stolen the car and several law enforcement and parole officers who had been involved in the case.

Within the ELC

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District. Later in the day the pastor and his family were given a reception, receiving a cash gift. This parish now numbers over 600 members.

South Central

Rolfe, Iowa. Lutherans of Pocahontas County have this fall sent a carload made up of 2,382 bushels of shelled corn as their contribution to the All Lutheran Food Appeal. County chairman is the Rev. Alton Christensen of Rolfe.

California

Tucson, Arizona. Calvary Church, parish of the Rev. Harold J. Larsen, celebrated its second anniversary on Thanksgiving Day. Visitors to the Southwest will always find a ready welcome at Calvary Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Sale: Complete 16 mm. Bell and Howell movie projection outfit, large screen, 12 inch and 6 inch speakers, all speed record player, aluminum stand, all like new. Write O. N. Toft, Delavan, Minn.

For Sale: Four dozen wooden folding chairs, at low price. A high back altar to be given away, by Immanuel Church. Write or call the Rev. N. O. Peterson, Delavan, Minn.

Wanted: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Madras, Oregon, a Home Mission parish, would like quickly a used font, transportation charges to be paid if distance is not too great. Write Box 511, Madras, Oregon.

For Sale: Lydia Society of Medo Church Cook Book, $1.25 prepaid. Order from Mrs. Ben Lindeland, Pemberton, Minn.

For Sale: Electronic organ (Orgatron) at Victory Lutheran Church, 4301 Thomas Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn. Call Aldrich 8961.

Choir robes sorely needed by Calvary Church, Tucson, Arizona, a Home Mission congregation only two years old. Twenty adult robes, used, are needed as a **gift.** Contact Mrs. Geo. Miller, 6426 E. Duke Dr., Tucson, Arizona.

New arrivals and visitors in Tucson, Arizona, are cordially invited to worship at Calvary Ev. Luth. Church, 5601 E. Broadway; Sunday services 11:00 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible classes 9:30 a.m.

HOME MISSION LEADERS

Gathered for the annual Lutheran Home Missions Conference at Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 8-9 were: Seated, left to right, Dr. Theodore E. Matson, newly-elected executive director of the Board of American Missions, Augustana Lutheran Church; Dr. Philip S. Dybvig, executive director of the Board of Home Missions, Evangelical Lutheran Church; Dr. R. D. Lechleitner, executive secretary of the Board of American Missions, American Lutheran Church; and Dr. R. H. Gerberding, executive secretary of the Board of American Missions, United Lutheran Church in America. Standi to right: the Rev. Chester C. Blake man of Home Mission Board, Luther Church; Dr. Alfred Jensen, president American Evangelical Lutheran Chur chairman of its Home Mission Boa H. Conrad Hoyer, executive secre the Division of American Missions, N Lutheran Council; Dr. Raymond W gelin, president of the Suomi Syno chairman of its Home Mission Boar Dr. Hans C. Jersild, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and ch of its Home Mission Board.

REMODELED CHANCEL OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE CHURCH

The above picture shows the newly remodeled chancel of Trinity Church, South Milw Wis., with the pastor, the Rev. John R. Refsell, standing at the altar. The c furniture was given by Our Savior's Church, Stillwater, Minn., which offered it to Mission congregations in the columns of the Lutheran Herald. The four-foot cro made by Mr. Chris. Wassen of South Milwaukee.

NOTICE

ıe Division of Evangelism still has able a number of copies of "Mil- ‹ee Conference Sermons and Ad- ‹es." These books contain all the ır sermons and addresses from the Conference on Evangelism which held in Milwaukee and sponsored ıe Lutheran Evangelism Council. ıese books sell at $2.50 per copy, they may be had by writing to Division of Evangelism, 422 South ı Street, Minneapolis 15, Minne-

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DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH AT ST. JAMES, MINN.

First Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. H. S. Strand, had its new church edifice dedicated Oct. 9th by Dr. E. C. Reinertson, president of the Southern Minnesota District, who preached the sermon at the forenoon worship. Dr. A. N. Rogness, president of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, preached at the dedicatory service in the afternoon. Guest preacher at the evening service was the Rev. Magnus S. Egge, Greenwood, Wis. The new fane, of which two pictures accompany this news item, has an ordinary seating capacity of 735, but overflow areas almost double that number.

DEDICATION OF SOUTHERN MINNESOTA CHURCH

Dr. F. C. Reinertson, president of the Southern Minnesota District, dedicated Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13, the new Our Savior's Church at Wells, Minn. Guest preacher at the morning service was Dr. O. G. Malmin, editor of Lutheran Herald. The interior of the church is trimmed with pecan stained fir. A fold door divides the nave, seating 210, from an overflow area which seats 60. The balcony holds the organ, besides affording seats for 50 persons. Pastor of Our Savior's Church is the Rev. Stanley Emerson.

and cheese factory. School bus route by door. Price $10,000. 441-2A

Homes

Good 2 bedroom home, 2 blocks from large ELC church in Minneapolis. New forced air gas furnace. New garage. 2 blocks from bus to loop and the University of Minnesota. 4 blocks to large shopping center. 441-3B

Home on 60x150 ft. lot, beautiful trees and lawn, 4 blocks to all schools and stores in village of Mound, Minn. City water and sewer, garage. Good bus service to Minneapolis. Ideal for retired couple. Price—$7,900; $1,000 down. 441-4B

Businesses

Owner wishes to retire, offers for sale a General Dry Goods Store in northwestern Washington. Scandinavian community, fine ELC church. Write for details. 441-5C

Grocery for sale in southeastern South Dakota town. ELC church in town. 441-6C

FOR RENT

One room, twin beds, for one or two business girls. Located south of Lake Street in Minneapolis near Grand and Bryant bus lines. Private home, near ELC church. 441-7B

POSITIONS WANTED

College graduate, experienced in parish secretarial work, wants position preferably in same field, West or Mid-West. 441-8D

Lutheran widow and daughter, 18, would like to find work in hospital or rest home. 441-9D

Teaching position desired in a Midwest community. Will be discharged from service and available beginning second semester. 1 year experience. Interested in teaching history, biology and coaching (football). 441-10E

HELP WANTED

Opportunity for single middle-aged woman (widow) to cook in Christian institution. Permanent position. 441-11F

New hospital in central Minnesota town of 2,500 population wants a registered nurse and anesthetist. Living quarters available. 441-12F

Lutheran medical doctor needed in southern Minnesota town. Strong Lutheran community. Excellent business town. Doctor leaving December 1st. 441-13G

In Loving Remembrance

Memorial Wreaths—ELC

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them. Revelation 14:13.

In loving remembrance of dear ones departed, the following gifts for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God have been given.

From October 3 through 7, 1955

Beach, Mrs. Charles, Alexandria, Minn., $3.
Beaver, Mrs. Minnie, Lake Crystal, Minn., $2.50
Bergh, O. H., Sinai, So. Dak., $33.
Bogestad, Norman, Donaldson, Minn., $23.
Bolstad, Iver, Viroqua, Wis., $2.
Braaten, Erick, Starbuck, Minn., $1.
Bruvold, Reynold, Kensington, Minn., $5.50
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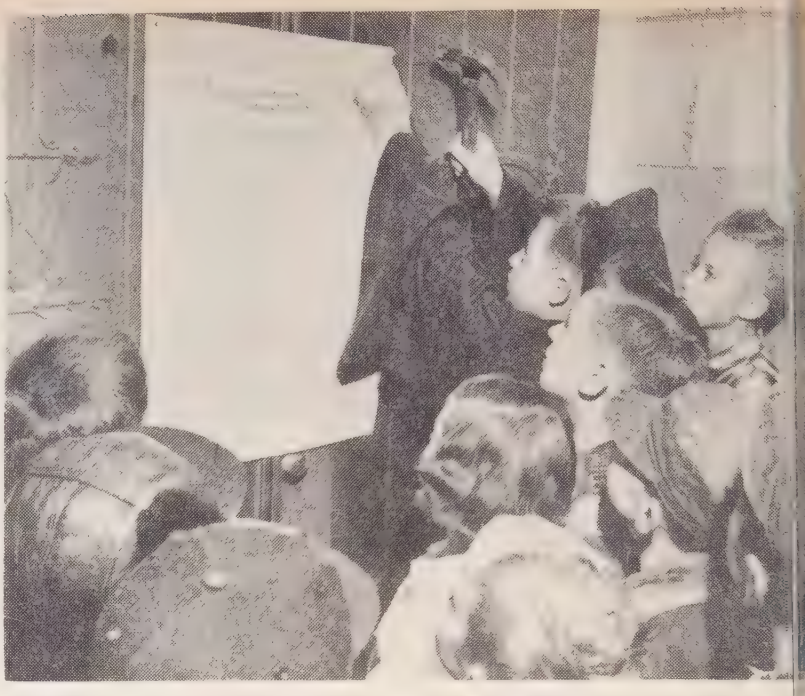
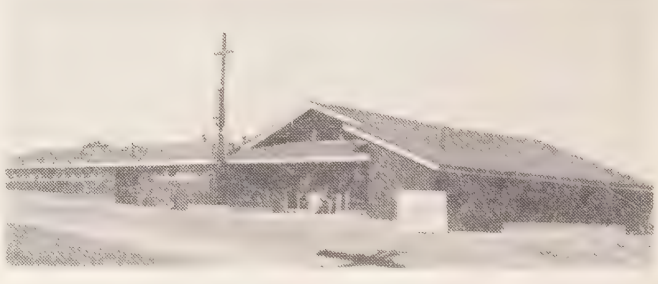
MILWAUKEE CHILDREN ENACT REFORMATION SCENE



In the above picture children of Ascension Church, Milwaukee, Wis., are seen the memorable incident of Martin Luther nailing his 95 theses to the door of th Church in Wittenberg, accompanied by university students, represented in the pi Ascension youngsters. According to the parish pastor, the Rev. Hoover T. Grim picture appeared in two Milwaukee newspapers.

DEDICATION OF CHULA VISTA CHURCH, CALIFORNIA



The first unit of St. Mark's Church, Chula Vista, Calif., parish of the Rev. E Jacobson, was dedicated by Dr. Gaylerd Falde, president of the California District, The new building includes a chapel seating 300 persons and an educational 1,000 square feet. The chapel, constructed of redwood, has open glass east a walls, which are protected by a ten-foot overhang, forming cloisters and deep areas. The cost of the building, exclusive of furnishings and voluntary labor, was

NEW PARSONAGE IN SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

This is the Oakland-Moscow parish parsonage in Oakland, Minn. It was dedicated O

opherson, Nels, Alexandria, Minn., $16.
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bs, Ed., Walker, Minn., $2.
Mrs. Martha, St. Cloud, Minn., $9.50
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s, Martin, Roland, Iowa, $31.
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im, Emmer, Eagle Grove, Iowa, $21.
on, Mrs. Mary, Roland, Iowa, $34.
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retson, Ann., Luverne, Minn., $5.
y, Mrs. Arthur, Cannon Falls, Minn., $18.
raaten, Christ, Madison, Minn., $3.
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e, Mrs. Louise, Madison, Minn., $9.
ad, Julius, Bryant, So. Dak., $13.
nd, Louis L., Clark, So. Dak., $18.
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eth, Mrs. Olaf, Ashby, Minn., $42.
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nd, Gabriel, Luverne, Minn., $5.
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en, Johanna, Larimore, No. Dak., $5.
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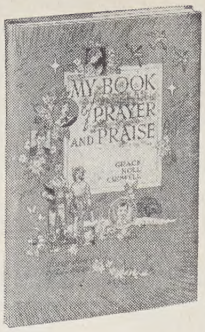

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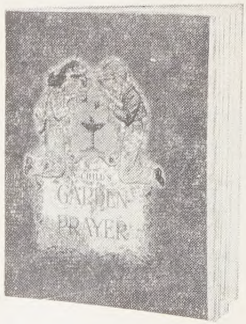

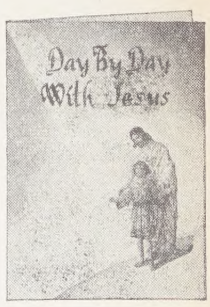

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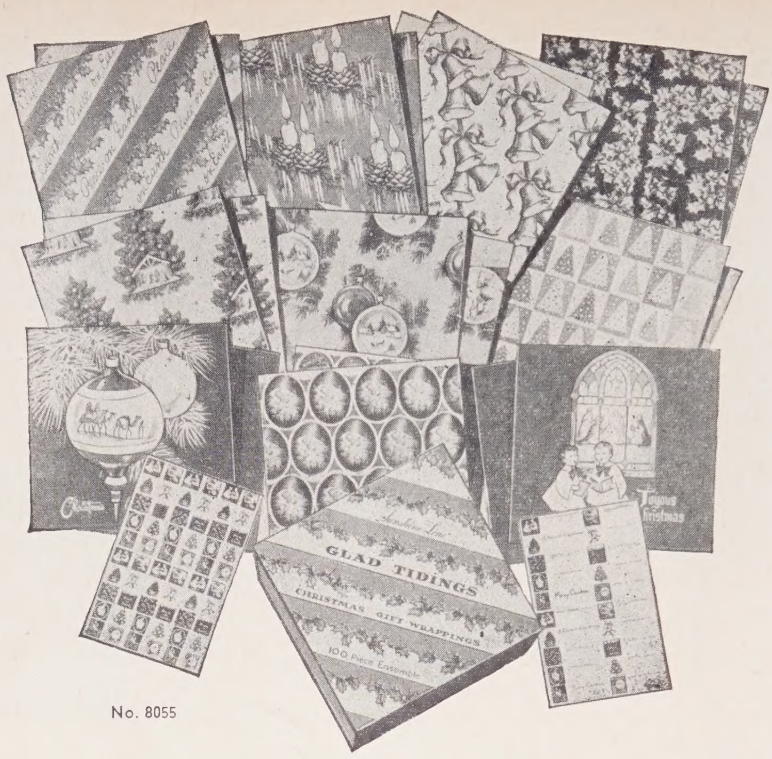

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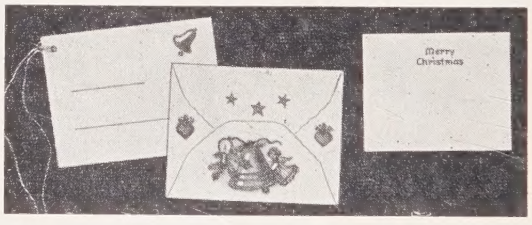

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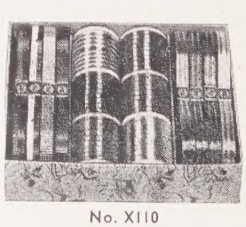

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Warland, Bert, Badger, Iowa, $5.
Wenholm, Sander, Pelican Rapids, Minn.
Wold, Albert, Vienna, So. Dak., $2.

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Hanson, Mrs. Melvin J., Overhagen,
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Ohland, Mrs. Lewis, Rio, Wis., $4.
Olson, Mrs. Oscar, Northwood, Iowa, $10
Pederson, Clarence, Lanesboro, Minn., $
Peterson, Peter E., Bow Island, Alta., Canada
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Ree, Bernhard, Zumbrota, Minn., $8.
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Wurl, Mrs. Anna, Tomahawk, Wis., $10.

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Anderson, Mrs. Lars, Maynard, Minn., $5
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Gylland, Melford J., West Fargo, No. Da
Halvorson, Nels, Clarkfield, Minn., $14.
Hanson, Martin, Byron, Minn., $5.
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Hermanson, Gust, Litchville, No. Dak., $
Hofstrand, Magda, Brinsmade, No. Dak.,
Huset, Mrs. Ed., Elbow Lake, Minn., $13.
Johnson, Eling, Wyndmere, No. Dak., $4

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ıld, H. O., Starbuck, Minn., $100.
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lov, Hilding, Grafton, No. Dak., $5.
ger. Jr., Ole, Oklee, Minn., $20.
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, John, Kasson, Minn., $13.
oug, Mrs. Elias, Veblen, So. Dak., $15.
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ie, Alfred, Pemberton, Minn., $6.
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ld, Mrs. Peder, Lake Preston, So. Dak., $5.
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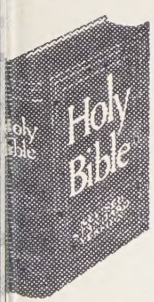

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